

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

I claim:

1. **(Original)** A method of treating infectious diseases caused by drug-resistant strains of bacteria in a human or an animal host comprising:  
Administration to the area of disease a suitable carrier containing an antibacterial agent obtainable from pepper, or an equivalent in a therapeutically effective concentration.
2. **(Withdrawn)** A method of treating superficial bacterial infections in a human or an animal host comprising:  
Administration to the area of disease a suitable carrier containing an antibacterial agent obtainable from pepper, or an equivalent in a therapeutically effective concentration.
3. **(Withdrawn)** A method of treating internal bacterial infections in a human or an animal host comprising:  
Administration to the area of disease a suitable carrier containing an antibacterial agent obtainable from pepper, or an equivalent in a therapeutically effective concentration.
4. **(New)** A method of treating bacterial infections in a human or an animal host comprising:  
Administration to the area of disease a suitable carrier containing an antibacterial phytoalexin obtainable from pepper, or an equivalent in a therapeutically effective concentration.
5. **(New)** A method of treating cellulitis in a human or an animal host comprising:  
Administration to the area of disease a suitable carrier containing an antibacterial agent obtainable from pepper, or an equivalent in a therapeutically effective concentration.
6. **(New)** The method of claim 5, wherein the disease includes necrotizing fasciitis (flesh eating disease).

Nothing further at this time.


Respectfully,

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